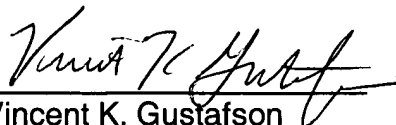


**Remarks**

Claims 1-31 are pending in the present application. By the present amendment, Applicants have amended claim 31 to correct a minor error. No new matter has been added. Applicants request examination of the application based on the set of claims provided herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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